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Applicant:

Lawrence R. Fontaine et al.

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Examiner: Unknown

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Group Art Unit: 2183

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING CONDITIONAL BRANCH  
INSTRUCTIONS IN A PIPELINE ARCHITECTURE

Docket No.: RA 5312 (1028.1132101)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence R. Fontaine et al.

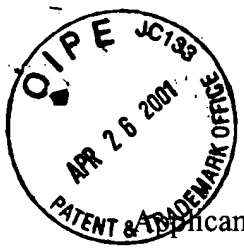
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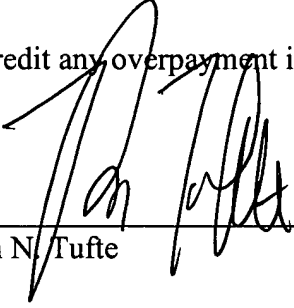
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